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SUBJ: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT
WITH PANAMA CONCERNING COROZAL CEMETERY

1. WE EXPECT EARLY AUTHORIZATION FOR AMBASSADOR (OR
CHARGE) TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUB-
LIC OF PANAMA FOR THE PERMANENT USE OF A PORTION OF
COROZAL CEMETERY BY THE UNITED STATES. ENGLISH AND
SPANISH TEXTS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ARE BEING POUCHED
BUT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PASSED TO GOP.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE PRESENT CONSTRAINTS ON AVAILABILITY
OF APPROPRIATE EMBASSY AND GOP OFFICIALS WE WOULD LIKE TO
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SEE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED AS EARLY AS WEEK OF AUGUST 7.
(FYI ONLY: WE ALSO WISH TO HAVE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED
QUICKLY, HOPEFULLY BY END OF AUGUST, SO AS TO CLEAR THE
WAY FOR EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTIFICATION TO NEXT-OF-KIN
CONCERNING BODY TRANSFER ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FOR UNDER
RANDOLPH RESERVATION TO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. END FYI)
AS ASSISTANCE TO THE EMBASSY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WE WOULD

PROPOSE TO SEND COLONEL BADGER OF THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, AND OFFICERS FROM DOD AND STATE.

3. WE VISUALIZE AT LEAST TWO SESSIONS WITH GOP DURING A PERIOD OF ABOUT ONE WEEK. AS GOP PERUSAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITHOUT PROPER BACKGROUND MIGHT PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, AT INITIAL SESSION WE ANTICIPATE THAT TEXTS WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH AN ORAL EXPLANATION OF BACKGROUND OF EACH POINT, INCLUDING, WHERE APPROPRIATE, CITATION OF SIMILAR AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE FOR AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF COROZAL SITE. AFTER DEPARTURE OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, FINAL CHANGES HOPEFULLY COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH GOP AND WASHINGTON VIA CABLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSED SCENARIO. IF EMBASSY HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST GOP AGREEMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH DOD. VANCE

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